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DIARY NOTES

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11, 12, 13 January 1954

1. I have asked Ed Saunders to make a systematic check on all of the petty cash accounts in the Agency and to insure that periodic accountings of such funds are made in the future.

2. Ed Saunders advised me that Ken Sprankle, Acting Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, wanted to come over and look at some of our IBM machines. I told Ed that he could honor the request.

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STATINTL 3. Met with Mr. Meloon, [REDACTED], Colonel Edwards, and Mr. Houston to discuss appropriate action to be taken in the cases of Mr. [REDACTED] (now in St. Elizabeth's Hospital) and [REDACTED]. In the case of [REDACTED] it was decided to proceed with Employment Review Board action. In the case of [REDACTED] it was decided to advise the Deputy Director (Plans) that evidence appeared to be insufficient to support dismissal and to suggest that either more evidence be supplied or that [REDACTED] be placed before the Agency Re-assignment Board.

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STATINTL 4. A GAO [REDACTED] representative has requested information from the Comptroller as to when [REDACTED] and his wife occupied Government quarters when they were in [REDACTED]. Apparently [REDACTED] failed to deduct certain allowances from his pay voucher. I told Mr. Saunders to proceed with the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans) and that unless there were overriding security considerations we should furnish the General Accounting Office with the information requested.

5. Arranged with Ed Saunders to have [REDACTED] in this Office effective 25 January 1954 with the view toward having him go to [REDACTED] as an Administrative-Finance Officer approximately one year from now.

6. Have asked Messrs. Saunders and Meloon to expedite preparation of their report to the Director concerning their recent trip.

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STATINTL 7. At General Cabell's request Ed Saunders talked to Mr. Elliot at the Department of Defense about the possibility of furnishing [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as Ed and I are opposed to this, based upon the facts at hand, I instructed him to explain our position to General Cabell and stated that if further discussion with the General were necessary prior to notifying the Department of Defense I would like to participate.

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8. Mr. Saunders, Mr. Pforzheimer, and [REDACTED] Office of the General Counsel, attended a meeting at the Bureau of the Budget to discuss a proposed Bill

which would standardize allowances for shipment of household goods, etc., and prohibit the shipment of personal automobiles to overseas stations. They were instructed to oppose the cutting down of weight allowances for senior officials, to oppose the suggestion that personal automobiles should not be shipped overseas at Government expense, and to oppose the amendment of the CIA Act by this Bill. Mr. Pforzheimer later reported that it was a fairly good meeting and that he thought we had a good chance of getting CIA left out of the Bill altogether. I have not had a detailed report from Mr. Saunders as yet.

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9. Talked to Mr. Garrison and [REDACTED] about the new Motor Pool arrangements and instructed the latter that, on a trial basis, we would dispatch one car from the Pool for the exclusive use of the Deputy Director (Plans) and his senior assistants. I emphasized that trip tickets and mileage should be checked carefully to make sure that efficient use of this car was being made.

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10. Instructed George Meloon to follow through on the appointment of Mr. [REDACTED] at grade GS-18 effective 1 February 1954 and to ascertain from Mr. Dulles or General Cabell the table of organization against which [REDACTED] should be charged.

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11. Have asked Personnel to give me a status report on Public Law No. 53 slots.

12. Have asked [REDACTED] to give me a brief report on the status of the transfer of our [REDACTED] which I could use in a discussion with the Bureau of the Budget.

13. Arranged with [REDACTED] to have the Project Administrative Planning Staff prepare sanitized Administrative Plans to send to the field and have instructed the Staff accordingly.

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14. Have notified Mr. Amory, Mr. Wisner, [REDACTED] and Colonel Baird of the probability that Mr. Taber and some of his associates might be here on Friday or at some later date. The Director wants each of them to be prepared to discuss their activities in a general way for fifteen minutes or so and, of course, to answer any detailed questions which the Congressman may ask. Mr. Saunders, Mr. Pforzheimer, and I will also be there with the statistics.

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15. Reviewed with Larry Houston and [REDACTED] certain aspects of the Administrative Plan for Project [REDACTED]. Asked Bob to amend the Plan so as to have claims referred to Headquarters, unless, of course, extreme security conditions made it mandatory that settlements be made immediately, in which case a report would be submitted to Headquarters immediately thereafter.

Also agreed that as an economy measure to the Government we would not require employees working at safehouses for brief periods to pay for their meals; this was with the distinct understanding, however, that they would not receive any per diem.

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16. Instructed Personnel to go ahead with the charges for dismissal against [REDACTED] of ORR.

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17. Discussed with Shef Edwards and George Meloon the case of [REDACTED]. Shef will make further recommendations to Personnel after [REDACTED] polygraph interview.

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18. Shef is concerned about an OSI employee married to an actress who is a British citizen. The employee was married in 1949 with our approval; however, the approval was based on the understanding that the woman would apply for American citizenship, which she has not done. She is now reported to have made some pro-British remarks at a party recently which would indicate that her affections may not be with the United States. Therefore, there is some doubt as to whether not not we want her husband in our employ.

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